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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Passes orders regarding remission and suspension of assessment in areas affected by distress.

READ—

Correspondence ending with letter No. C. 6—R. M. 39—45-46, dated the 23rd January 1946, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, submitting certain proposals for grant of relief in the matter of land revenue assessment during 1945-46 in view of the adverse seasonal conditions.

ORDER No. R. 5177-87—R. M. 37-45-47, DATED CAMP MYSORE, THE 30TH JANUARY 1946.

Government have observed that, owing to the failure of the monsoon this year, agricultural operations have been greatly hampered and that wet and dry crops in certain parts of the State have suffered damage. In some regions in the Chitaldrug, Tumkur and Kolar Districts, the damage to crops has been exceptionally heavy and scarcity conditions are noticed. Government have recently undertaken several measures to meet the situation and have made arrangements for food supplies, for provision of fodder for cattle, for sinking of drinking water wells and for taking up relief works on a large scale for affording employment to unemployed labour.

The question of affording further relief in those areas in connection with the collection of assessment has been under the anxious consideration of Government.

Under the existing rules, whenever owing to inadequate rainfall a tank (or a Talaparige) does not receive adequate supply of water and more than half the area of wet and garden lands excluding those under the perennial garden crops like areca and cocoanut has remained uncultivated or even if cultivated has yielded a crop of not more than four annas and the Government are satisfied that the tract is so impoverished or previous harvests have been so poor as to render a measure of relief necessary, they will notify that remissions not exceeding half the wet and garden assessment in the affected areas may be granted. After the tract is so notified, the Deputy Commissioner is empowered to sanction remissions to individual holders of lands under the concerned tanks or talapariges so notified by Government. In cases in which the wet and garden lands excluding those under the perennial and garden crops like areca and cocoanut have been cultivated with dry crops and given a yield of not less than 8 annas, the remission allowable will be half the difference between the wet rate on the lands concerned and the average rate of dry assessment prevailing in the village. Thus, under the above rules, the grant of remission of half wet assessment under any tank can be sanctioned only if previous harvests under the tank have been so poor as to render a special measure of relief necessary.

As regards dry assessment, under the existing rules, there is no provision for remission. But when the Deputy Commissioner has ascertained by local enquiries that owing to a partial or total failure or destruction of crops throughout any tract on account of drought or any other cause, it will be necessary to suspend the collection of land revenue in any area, he is authorised, specially when the tract is already impoverished or the previous harvests have been poor, to grant suspension of 1/4 assessment and report the fact to the Government, this suspended revenue being normally collected in the following year along with the assessment of that year. If during the year following the year of suspension of revenue also the crops fail, the suspended assessment will be remitted by the Deputy Commissioner after obtaining sanction of Government. For purposes of these rules, 'tract' has been defined as meaning all dry lands situated in a 'hobli' and 'partial failure of crops' is deemed to exist, if due to seasonal conditions 50 per cent or more of lands in a holding in a tract are uncultivated or if cultivated have yielded a crop of four annas or less.

His Highness the Maharaja has been graciously pleased to tour in the affected areas and obtain first-hand information of the situation. In view of the extraordinary conditions now prevailing, His Highness the Maharaja is satisfied that the concessions available under the normal rules require to be liberalised and is therefore graciously pleased to direct that the following concessions be sanctioned as a special case this year for the affected areas, which will be separately notified.

(1) As regards wet lands, the rule restricting the grant of relief to cases where previous harvests had been so poor as to render a special measure of relief necessary will be abrogated and remissions may be granted without reference to the condition of the previous harvests and one-half of the wet and garden assessment will be remitted, provided the other conditions are satisfied.

(2) The collection of the balance of the wet and garden assessment on the lands affected will be suspended.

As regards dry assessment,—

(*i*) One-half of the assessment will be remitted and the collection of the other half will be suspended.

(*ii*) The term 'tract' will, for the purposes of these concessions, be treated as meaning all dry lands included within the limits of a single revenue village instead of a hobli.

The benefit of remissions and suspensions of revenue sanctioned above will be confined only to deserving cases in which lands have either remained uncultivated or if cultivated, have yielded a crop of not more than 4 annas.

His Highness the Maharaja is confident that these special concessions will afford a substantial measure of relief to the raiyats in the affected areas.

J. B. MALLARADHYA,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Nominates certain members to the Committee for Agriculture of the Economic Conference.

READ—

Government Order No. S. R. 532-732—E. C. 65-44-8, dated 15th August 1945, passing orders regarding the constitution of six policy committees of the Economic Conference.

2. Letter No. E. C. 467—45-46, dated the 8th October 1945, from the Commissioner of Economic Development and Planning, suggesting that a certain person may be appointed as a member of the Committee for Agriculture in place of *Rao Bahadur* H. C. Javarava.

3. Correspondence ending with U. O. Note E. C. F. 701—45-46, dated 11th December 1945, from the Commissioner of Economic Development and Planning on the subject.

ORDER NO. S. R. 2839-2938—E. C. 65-44-16, DATED BANGALORE, THE 24TH JANUARY 1946.

Government are pleased to nominate Messrs. M. C. Linge Gowda, Member, Legislative Council (vice *Rao Bahadur* Javaraya) and Mir Khaja Mohideen Sab of Holehonnur village, Shimoga Taluk, to serve as members of the Committee for Agriculture of the Economic Conference.

MOHAMED ISMAIL SHERIFF, *Genl. Secy.*

Appoints the Vice-Chancellor as an Additional Member of the Committee for Education.

READ—

Government Order No. S. R. 532-732—E. C. 65-45-5, dated the 15th August 1945, constituting among others, the Committee for Education of the Economic Conference.

ORDER NO. S. R. 2939-3038—E. C. 65-44-17, DATED BANGALORE, THE 24TH JANUARY 1946.

Government are pleased to nominate the Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore, to serve as an additional member of the Committee for Education of the Economic Conference.

MOHAMED ISMAIL SHERIFF, *Genl. Secy.*

EDUCATION SECRETARIAT

Sanctions the opening of Thirty-four New Middle Schools in the State during the year 1945-46.

READ—

Correspondence ending with letter No. A4. 2637-333—44-45, dated the 1st August 1945, from the Director of Public Instruction, submitting proposals for opening of 34 New Middle Schools during the current year 1945-46.

ORDER NO. E. 2146-7—EDN. 65-44-25, DATED BANGALORE, THE 29TH OCTOBER 1945.

Sanction is accorded to the opening of 34 New Middle Schools during the current year as detailed in the statement appended hereto.

The proposals involve a non-recurring expenditure of Rs. 18,200 (Rupees eighteen thousand and two hundred only) and an actual recurring expenditure of Rs. 43,368 (Rupees forty-three thousand three hundred and sixty-eight only) during the current year and an annual recurring expenditure of Rs. 54301 3/5 during the subsequent years. The recurring and the non-recurring expenditure during the current year will be met out of the provision of Rs. 50,000 provided for in the Budget for opening New Middle Schools and by re-appropriation of the sanctioned grants of the department, respectively.

Necessary provision for those 34 Middle Schools will be made in the budgets of the Education Department for future years.

N. S. HIRANNAYYA, *Edn. Secy.*